

INCREASE IS DECIDED IN DEMAND FOR STOCKS

Transactions in Several Issues Recorded With Growing Inquiries for Industrials.

SUGAR CENTRE OF OPTIMISM

From Wall Street Point of View, Conditions Are Materially Improved. Brokers' Balances Stronger Than Ever Before.

BY BROADAN WALL.

New York, August 20.—There is a decided increase in demand for stocks today at the closing prices of July 29. Transactions in Steel, Cotton, Union Pacific, Royal Dutch, Standard Oil, and the many others, other issues were recorded with an increase in the inquiries for the industrial issues.

In the centre of optimism, with American Beet Sugar, selling around par, contrasted with the closing gains in late stocks, the market is again being sold as high as it is against a last sale on the Stock Exchange of July 29. The short term issues, which had shown a tendency to recover, and one trade of late shares was put through at the closing price.

For the first time in many days there was an inquiry from London for copper to extend the strength of the market or the copper stocks.

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Virginia, bag lots	\$1.50
Georgia, bag lots	\$1.50
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No. 5 white	\$1.50
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Winter seed, bag lots	\$1.50
R.Y.E. Car lots	\$1.50
No. 5 mixed, new	\$1.50
Virginia, bag lots (new)	\$1.50
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BREEZES BRING RELIEF FROM TERRIFIC HEAT

MERCURY CLIMBS TO 97 DEGREES IN RICHMOND, AND HUMANITY SWELTERS.

HOT WAVE CLINGS TO VIRGINIA

Noticeable Drop After Nightfall—Oklahoma City Wins Prize as Hottest Point in Country—San Francisco Holds Cool Record.

Cooling breezes saved Richmond yesterday from experiencing the hottest day of this or several other years. As it was, the mercury in the local Weather Bureau observatory climbed up to 97 degrees, which was only one point less than the preceding day, when Richmond and Washington were the hottest points in the United States. This city barely missed being the top-temperature center, but was nipped out by Oklahoma City, which claimed 98 degrees in the afternoon.

Old man King, guardian of Capital Square, again contradicted his more aristocratic brother on Chimborazo Hill, by asserting publicly that the temperature was not less than 102 degrees in the afternoon. However, the heat was not quite so much as on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The heat wave has clung tightly to Richmond and Virginia. On Saturday, the free-air temperature was 95 degrees; on Sunday, 96 degrees; on Monday, 94 degrees; on Tuesday, 95 degrees; and yesterday, 95 degrees.

Emphasis is laid on the importance of studying, in this day of high prices, the comparative value of the various foods and the percentage of waste that must be paid for.

EXPENSIVE DISHES.

Many people declare the latest news to think that because a food is more expensive than another, it is "better," and that the "best" is the most costly. As a matter of fact, studies have shown that the cheap and widely distributed foods are well cooked, while generally richer in food value, than the more expensive dishes.

San Francisco hung on to its cool record, but even there the mercury is climbing. Hayne, Mont., which sweltered yesterday, was 96 degrees yesterday, and yesterday's record holder, San Francisco, was 95 degrees.

The temperature was 95 degrees throughout the country, excepting Atlanta, Georgia, which was 94 degrees.

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